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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services

SUBJECT : Human Interaction and Assessment  
Laboratory

1. This memorandum is for your information and suggests action in paragraph 4.

2. For several months, this Office has been aware that the Office of Technical Service, DD/S&T, is conducting a one-week course called the "Human Interaction and Assessment Laboratory." From reports received from a variety of sources, I became somewhat disturbed as to the course content and when an opportunity was presented, arranged for a Security Officer to attend the course and to report back to me on its specific content.

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3. I am forwarding as Attachment A, for your information and review, an informal report prepared by Mr. [REDACTED] of this Office, describing his attendance and reaction to the activities carried out during the course. Attachment B is a memorandum from [REDACTED] describing a sequel to the course he attended. I made this report available to Dr. John Tietjen, Director of Medical Services, and have discussed it with him in some detail. Irrespective of the title given the course, Dr. Tietjen and his Staff are of the opinion that it is nothing more or less than "sensitivity training" [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Both Dr. Tietjen and I have reservations about the wisdom of continuing such training in our current Agency curricula and I personally believe that it is extremely hazardous from a political point of view at this time and fail to see the value of it as a training mechanism for Agency operational personnel.

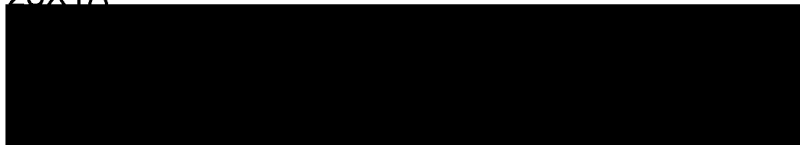
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4. I suggest that you may wish to explore this matter with the Deputy Director for Science and Technology in terms of its content, its possible effects on the students, and the resulting embarrassment to the Agency should it become known that we conduct this type of training. I am, of course, available as is Dr. Tietjen, to discuss this with you at your convenience.

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Howard J. Osborn  
Director of Security

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